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SUBJ: NEW CHILEAN CABINET NAMED

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1. SUMMARY. NEW CHILEAN CABINET ANNOUNCED JULY 10 IN WAKE
ELEVATION GEN AUGUSTO PINOCHET FROM PRES OF JUNTA TO HEAD OF
STATE JUNE 26. NINE NEW MINISTERS ENTERED SIXTEEN-MEMBER CABINET,
THREE CHANGED JOBS, FOUR REMAINED IN POSTS. CONTRARY TO SOME EX-
PECTATION, NEW CABINET CONTAINS ONLY ONE CIVILIAN, LENIZ OF
ECONOMY. END SUMMARY.

2. ON JULY 10 GOC ANNOUNCED FOLLOWING NEW CABINET:

INTERIOR GEN. (ARMY) CESAR BENEVIDES ESCOBAR (NEW)

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FOREIGN RELATIONS VICE-ADM. PATRICIO CARVAJAL PRADO (CHANGE)

ECONOMY FERNANDO LENCZ CERDA (SAME)

FINANCE REAR-ADM. (RETIRED) HUGO CABEZAS VIDELA (NEW)

EDUCATION REAR-ADM. HUGO CASTRO JIMENEZ (SAME)

JUSTICE GEN. (CARABINEROS) HUGO MUSANTE ROMERO (NEW)

DEFENSE GEN. (ARMY) OSCAR BONILLA BRADANOVIC (CHANGE)

PUBLIC WORKS BRIG.GEN. (AIR FORCE) SERGIO FIGUEROA GUTIERREZ
(SAME)

AGRICULTURE GEN. (CARABINEROS) TUCAPEL VALLEJOS REGINATO (NEW)

LANDS GEN. (CARABINEROS) MARIO MACKAY JARAQUEMADA (CHANGE)

LABOR GEN. (AIR FORCE) NICANOR DIAZ ESTRADA (NEW)

PUBLIC HEALTH BRIG.GEN. (AIR FORCE) FRANCISCO HERRERA
LATOJA (NEW)

MINING BRIG.GEN. (ARMY) AGUSTIN TORO DAVILA (NEW)

HOUSING & URBANISM REAR-ADM. ARTURO TRONCOSO DAROCHE (NEW)

TRANSPORTATION (JUST CREATED) GEN. (ARMY-RETIRED) ENRIQUE
GARIN CEA (NEW)

SECRETARY GENERAL COL. (ARMY) PEDRO EWING HODAR (SAME)

3. "BALANCE" IS: ARMY5, AIR FORCE 3, NAVY 4, CARABINEROS 3,
CIVILIAN 1.

4. COMMENT. EXTENT OF CHANGES IN CABINET IS GREATER THAN OB-
SERVERS HAD EXPECTED. MOST STRIKING FACT IS THAT DESPITE PRESSURES
ON PINOCHET TO NAME MORE CIVILIANS, AND PUBLIC SPECULATION THAT HE
WOULD DO SO ONLY ONE REMAINS; OLD CABINET HAD TWO, JUSTICE
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MINISTER PRIETO AS WELL AS LENIZ. GOC ALSO APPEARS TO HAVE
DROPPED RUMORED EFFORT TO DISTRIBUTE MINISTERIAL POSTS EQUALLY AMONG
THE FOUR SERVICES. MOST PROMINENT MISSING FACE IS THAT OF EX-
FON MINISTER ADM. HUERTA.
POPPER

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